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ODD FELLOWS' BLOCK AT 80. PARIS BURNED

Frank Maxim Painfully Injured by Blazing Picture Film Which Starts the Fire

A possibility which South Paris has long feared became a reality Friday night. A fire in Odd Fellows' Block got beyond control, and reduced the building to a wreck. While there were left portions of the walls more or less burned, and a mass of wreckage inside, all of which must be cleared out of the way, the building and most of its contents are practically a total loss.

Frank Maxim, a well known South Paris boy of 15, was badly burned about the face and hands by a blazing picture film. His burns are not deep but are exceedingly painful.

The fire originated in the boots of the Savoy Theatre, the moving picture house which has for some time occupied the second floor of the building. Frank Maxim was that evening operating the machine. The blaze started about 9 o'clock, during the intermission between the first and second shows, and when it was nearly time for the second show to begin. When the film took fire and flashed up, Frank hastily shoved it out of the door and it dropped in the hallway and on the stairs. It was in doing this that he received his burns.

Fortunately there were in the theatre at that time only about a score of people who were waiting for the second show, and without panic or serious excitement they made their way out by the fire escape at the other end of the building.

An alarm was at once given, and the whistle of the Mason Manufacturing Co. boomed out the signal. The fire meanwhile burned fiercely, and by the time the first water was turned on, the anteroom of the Odd Fellows in the southwest corner of the upper floor was all on fire, the windows had broken, and the upper corner of the building was blazing like a torch. Such headway had by this time been made by the flames that it was impossible to get into use a hose on the interior of the building, and all the water had to be put on from the outside, through the windows, and through the holes in the roof after that began to break through.

Help from Norway was sent for, and arrived promptly. Stream after stream was added, until nine streams were playing on the building from various points. The water pressure held up, and the number of streams in play seemed to make no difference.

In one respect conditions were favorable, as it was a still night, with no wind whatever. In another respect conditions were hard, as the temperature was near zero, making it a very cold job for the firemen.

Because of the height of the building, looming above the other buildings nearby, it has always been felt that a fire in it would endanger other property seriously. True, Block, which is separated from it only by a narrow alley, has been regarded as particularly in danger. With the absence of wind, however, and thorough protection by streams of water, neither this building nor any other suffered damage. The roofs of two or three buildings, where they were not covered with snow, were wet down, but nothing more was necessary.

About an hour after the start of the fire, the light wires gave way, leaving the town in darkness so far as electricity was concerned, but the light of the moon reinforced by the varying light from the blaze of the building, enabled the firemen to work without difficulty.

The fire gradually worked through the upper part of the building from the west side and in which it started to the east side. The mansard roof was entirely burned off, and some portions of the walls were riddled. The upper floors mostly fell in, but the blaze was finally literally drowned out by the volume of water which was turned on it, and there was at no time much fire on the lower floor. As was said above, however, what remains of the building is worse than useless, as it will cost a considerable amount to clear it out of the way.

By eleven o'clock it was evident that the water was getting ahead of the blaze, and before midnight most of the crowd of spectators who had chilled and shivered in the zero temperature had gone home.

The building was occupied on the ground floor by the office of the selectmen of Paris, the jewelry store of John Pierce, the barber shop of H. W. Starbuck, with a private club room at the rear, the show room of the Paris Antiques Co., and the Stevens Pharmacy, A. French Stevens, proprietor. At an early hour Mr. Starbuck removed most of the equipment from his barber shop. A considerable part of the stock of the Stevens Pharmacy was also removed while the building was burning.

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GRANGE NEWS

FRANKLIN GRANGE

Franklin Grange held its regular meeting Saturday P. M., Feb. 19, with W. M. Adams in the chair. A contest has been organized with Sister Bertha Lovjoy as captain aided by Elsie Cole for one side, and Sister Amy Forbes with Sister Willard for the other side. Each side gave an interesting program of readings, solos and music and a question. W. M. Adams Dudley appointed Brothers Ralph M. Bacon, Albert Buss and Frank Davis as finance committee for this year. About sixty members were present.

BETHEL GRANGE

Feb. 17, Bethel Grange met for its regular meeting. The ladies served supper as usual. Our Worthy Master opened in form. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. The first and second degrees were conferred on one candidate, and two candidates admitted by demit cards. The Secretary read three applications for membership. They were approved. Literary program: Legislative remarks, Rev. Mr. Little; Copeston, George Washington, Mrs. Copeston; Passing Valentines to the members concluded the program. Twenty-four members were present. Next meeting March 5.

BEAR RIVER GRANGE

Bear River Grange met in regular sessions Feb. 12. Meeting called to order at 8:30 P. M., by Worthy Master Brinck. Vacant chairs were filled as follows: Bro. Ernest Holt, Overseer; Bro. L. A. Roberts, Steward; Sister E. L. Brinck, Lecturer; Bro. L. E. Davis, A. S.; Bro. Ezra Chapman, G. K.; Sister Nellie Chapman, L. A. S.; Sister Hastings, Pomona. A lively business session was carried out, after which the following program was given:

Roll Call, Current Events, Instrumental music, Gonic Saunders, Origin of Valentine Day, Written by Carrie Wight. Reading, Sister Roberts. Remarks, by Representative L. E. Wight in regard to legislative matters. Question for discussion, Which has the advantages of these times, the city man or the farmer? Opened by W. M. P. O. Brinck, followed by Bros. Saunders, Wight, L. E. Davis, S. P. Davis and others. A lively discussion ensued which ended in favor of the farmer. Program for next meeting was read. Closed in form with 21 members present.

Refreshments were served by the sisters consisting of fancy crackers, cookies and cocoa. Next meeting will be held Feb. 26.

PLEASANT VALLEY GRANGE

Pleasant Valley Grange held its regular meeting on February 22nd with 24 members present. The report of the executive committee, which showed the Grange to be on a very firm financial foundation, was read and accepted. The business part of the meeting was given over to a lively discussion of needed improvements, but so many different suggestions were advanced, that nothing definite was arrived at. The literary program was as follows:

Roll call of members responded to with remarks pertaining to George Washington. Violin Solo, encore, Doris Ordway. Doughboy Remount, a letter, Bertha Munnell. Song, encore, Doris Ordway.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Rev. J. H. Little, Pastor. Morning service at 10:45 A. M. Sunday School at 12. Evening meeting at 7 o'clock. All are welcome.

There will be a meeting of the men of the Oxford County Universalist Churches at Norway, Tuesday evening, March 15. Rev. John Smith Lowe, D. D. of Boston, General Superintendent and other speakers will address the meeting.

METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. C. L. Wheaton, Pastor. Sunday service at 10:45 A. M. Sunday School at 12. Evening meeting at 7:30. Junior Mission Society at 8:30 Sunday afternoon.

Junior Mission Society at 8:30 Sunday afternoon. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society will meet with Mrs. I. C. Jordan, Thursday evening.

SCHOOL NOTES

The address of Miss Bauer of the Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher Association will be given in the Grammar School room in the brick building, Bethel, Feb. 25, instead of in the assembly room of Gould's Academy.

BIG LIQUOR SEIZURE AT RUMFORD

One of the greatest liquor seizures ever pulled off in Rumford, took place early last Saturday morning on Spruce street at the Peter Baker place by Sheriff Fred Weeks of Mexico and John Babb of Dixfield. The stuff seized consisted of 88 quarts of Holland Gin, 22 quarts of Scotch Whiskey, 24 quarts of Canadian Whiskey, 4 quarts of Special Rye Whiskey, and 25 quarts of Canadian High Wine, all in original imported packages. The seizure was taken up to the police station, and locked up in one of the cells, Sheriff Weeks personally on guard through the night. On Sunday morning, by direction of High Sheriff Cole, the whole outfit was transported to South Paris. Just how Sheriff Weeks got his tip is not given out.

MAN BADLY BURNED AT RUMFORD

A very serious accident happened on Monday about 11:30 in the forenoon, to one of the employees of the Rumford Falls Power Company, while at work changing power wires near the American Magnesium Company's plant. Through some oversight the power was not shut off from a section under repairs or changes, and Lineman Ralph Williams came in contact with a full current while working at the top of a pole carrying power lines. The first known of any trouble was a cry from the workman and a flash of light as the current passed through his body. He was soon to throw back and would have fallen had he not been strapped to the pole. Fellow workmen made every effort to rescue the man as quickly as possible, getting the body down to the ground, where all means at hand were used to sustain life in him. Mr. Williams was taken to the McCarty Hospital as quickly as possible, where it was found that he was terribly burned about the hands and arms. Last reports indicate the loss of one and possibly both hands from the powerful current which so terribly burned him. It is not yet determined how or why the current was on where the man was working.

GOULD'S ACADEMY

Senior and Junior declamations are due Friday of this week.

The Y. M. C. A. meeting will be led by Rodney Bartlett on Thursday afternoon.

The Y. W. C. A. meeting was led by Elsie Enman. The topic was, "Lessons from the Life of Washington."

The return game of basketball with Mechanic Falls High School will be played in the gymnasium Friday evening.

The following members of the Y. M. C. A. have been chosen delegates to the Boys' Conference at Portland, March 4, 5 and 6: Rodney Bartlett, Harold Bennett, Olin Boothman, G. Warren Brown, Walter Rand. Taylor Clough goes in Mr. Rand's place as he cannot attend.

Principal Haggren, Richard Russell and Lauris Taylor were guests at Bowdoin College, Friday and Saturday, having accepted the invitation extended to principals and young men students of secondary schools to visit the college under normal conditions at that time.

The return game of basketball with Woodstock High School, scheduled for last Friday night did not materialize, having been cancelled at the eleventh hour by the expected visitors. The school wishes to express its regret to the townspeople in disappointing them and to thank them for their liberal patronage. Two games were played by our own students, the boys' first team winning from the second, and a girls' team selected from the school winning in a close game from the girls of the Sophomore class.

The schools observed the 22nd with exercises appropriate for the day. A number of ladies were present.

C. N. Mills of Portland was at Dexter Mills, Tuesday.

Mrs. Harry Mills of Gorham, N. H., spent Wednesday at Dexter Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Wakefield are being visited by Mrs. Anne L. Redley of Bath, Maine.

Miss Martha Dix of Newton, Mass., was a week end guest of Mrs. J. E. Pike. Clarence Tyler of Gorham, N. H., was here Monday on business.

Miss Ida Stiles of South Paris visited Ethel Allen, Tuesday.

Mrs. L. E. Allen spent Tuesday at Bethel village with her son and family, Mr. Elmer Allen.

Mrs. Edna Hall is spending some time in Boston, visiting relatives.

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT

In the case of Elias McKee vs. George Davis, a verdict for the plaintiff was given.

The case of Ernest L. Pike of Woodstock vs. Norman A. Smith of Standish. Messrs. W. G. Conary and Alton C. Wheeler appeared for the plaintiff, and Clifford E. McGowan of Portland for defendant.

This was a suit for services amounting to \$1800, arising from an alleged breach of contract. Several years ago Mr. Pike entered into contract with Mr. Smith for the purchase of the John C. Pike farm in Woodstock, the title of which was not clear. Mr. Smith was to investigate and clear the title, giving Mr. Pike what equity he might have in the place. In the meantime Mr. Smith gave Mr. Pike possession, giving a bond for a deed.

Mr. Smith also stocked the place, said stock under an agreement to remain his property with interest, taxes and insurance. Pike was to have no use of the stock. The hay was to be fed on the farm, other crops to go to Pike. Pike concluded in the course of a year or two he had the worst of the trade and left the farm.

In this case the court directed the jury to bring in a verdict for defendant. The case goes to the law court on appeal.

This ended the civil docket.

The criminal cases began Tuesday afternoon last week.

The first to be tried was State vs. Frank Di Angeli, for assault with a dangerous weapon with intent to murder. The alleged act was committed on Christmas day in the Oxford House, Rumford. All of the parties concerned were in more or less state of intoxication, and in a quarrel Di Angeli was accused of striking one Levi Boucher with a knife. The respondent denied having a knife.

He was acquitted.

A. E. Stearns appeared for respondent. The second case was State vs. Tony Albreck, accused of stealing \$300.00 from the pocket of a companion. This was a card party, which took place on a farm north of Rumford. This party was more or less intoxicated, the man possessing the money going to sleep. Albreck was in the room with him, having the opportunity for the theft and therefore accused.

This case was thrown out Wednesday morning for insufficient evidence.

Following the dismissal of this action the State vs. Tony Stasulis for adultery with Mrs. Stephanie Jasad was put on. Mr. Jasad became jealous of Mrs. Jasad, according to his testimony, with the accused and waiting outside his home, which is an apartment building containing eleven families, saw Stasulis enter at 2 o'clock in the morning, lying in wait outside the rear porch door, thought he saw him come out of his apartment, and struck him as he was passing out, felling him to the floor. Stasulis denies he was in the Jasad apartment at all but in another apartment in search of beer.

The verdict in this case was not guilty. Albert Bellevue appeared for respondent.

On account of the failure to convict Tony Stasulis, the indictment against Mrs. Stephanie Jasad for adultery was not pressed.

These criminal cases brought before the jury were tried before drawn juries. State vs. Calvin Cummings, for abuse of animals was heard by the court. Cummings was fined \$25.00 and costs amounting to \$8.80.

The case of John S. Watson of Fryeburg for incest was not pressed for lack of sufficient evidence.

State vs. Fred E. Murphy was heard next before the court. This was for the abuse of a boy eight years old, who worked for his board at Murphy's. For some small offence he was whipped on the naked body with a whip until the wounds were bathed with salt brine. For this Murphy was sentenced to the county jail six months. There was a woman, Florence Tyler, indicted with him but her part of the transaction was simply to remove the boy's clothing, and that part of the indictment was dropped.

Louis Manakla, for forgery, who pleaded guilty, was brought in for sentence. Manakla is a young Lithuanian but bright enough to raise two checks, the first given by the Maine Central Railroad, by which he realized about \$70.00, and the second by the American Realty Company from \$20.00 to \$154.34. He negotiated this check for clothing to the amount of \$30.00 and received cash for the balance. He was sentenced to the State prison for not less than one year nor more than three.

Bethel friends extend congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Gotthard Carlson (nee Mildred Tuell) on the birth of a son born Saturday, Feb. 19.

Miss Katherine Kendrick, who is teaching in Gorham, N. H., spent the week end with her aunt, Mrs. H. H. Dean and Miss Kate Howe.

Rev. Charles Harbutt gave a very interesting address at the Congregational church last Sunday morning, making a strong plea for the support of our churches with both money and prayers.

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BETHEL AND VICINITY

Mr. Burnap was in Boston the first of the week.

Miss Cleo Russell returned from Portland, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brinck were in Portland, Tuesday.

Mr. H. O. Rowe was in Portland, Friday, on business.

Mr. E. H. Young has been confined to the house by illness.

Mr. Richard Holt spent the week end at his home in Norway.

Mr. S. S. Greenleaf and his father spent Saturday in Sanford.

Mr. Carl L. Brown has returned to his work at the Citizen office.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Vashaw have opened their home in Mayville.

Miss Mary Robertson spent the week end at her home in Newry.

Mrs. G. J. Haggood was the guest of Mrs. Charles Lyon, recently.

Miss Ruth Brown is a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brown.

Mrs. G. J. Haggood was a guest at the home of Mrs. Harry Sawin, Tuesday.

Mr. John Swan is much improved and is expected to return home this week.

Mrs. Harry Brown was a guest of Mrs. W. H. Young at Woodfords last week.

The Rebekahs will hold a food sale at O. K. Fox's store Friday afternoon at 2:30.

Miss Ida Stiles was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Perry for a few days recently.

Mr. T. B. Burke was a visitor in Bethel and Gorham, N. H., two days last week.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. F. B. Tuell, Thursday afternoon at three o'clock.

Mrs. Benjamin Kimball went to So. Paris last Thursday to visit her sister, Mrs. West.

Mr. Herbert Dean of Bates College spent the week end in Bethel the guest of friends.

Mr. Charles Tidswell of Upton was a guest at the home of D. M. Forbes the first of the week.

Miss Marian Mansfield is home from her school at Groveton, N. H., for a vacation of a week.

Mr. Kingsley, representing the Central Maine Power Company, was in town a few days last week.

Mrs. Leslie Littlehale from Rockland was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Perley Flint for the week end.

Miss Dorothy Hutchins was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hutchins, over the week end.

Mr. Henry Flint of Portland was a guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Flint from Saturday until Tuesday.

The Past Noble Grand's Association met with Anna French, Thursday evening and a very enjoyable time spent.

Messrs. Glyndon Sawin and Clarence Philbrook have been elected delegates to the Y. P. C. U. Conference to be held in Portland.

Mr. Daniel Smith and Mrs. Ruby Smith were called to Portland last week by the serious illness of their brother, Mr. B. K. Smith.

Mr. Z. E. Greenleaf and daughter-in-law, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Greenleaf, returned to their home Monday.

Mrs. Beasie Sloan, who has been assisting in the home of Mrs. Merle Swan, has returned to the home of her daughter, Mrs. G. J. Haggood.

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NATIONAL CAPITAL

Notes of Interest from Washington

J. E. Jones

THE WOMEN WHO WON SUFFRAGE

In the early days of the Woodrow Wilson administration, visiting delegations of women demanding the right to vote, were given scant consideration at the White House. Even Mr. Bryan, then in high favor as premier Cabinet officer, expressed little interest, and on one occasion said that "the country is not ready to take up this issue." The persistent women who finally "got in" to see President Wilson were told that "their issue was a matter for the States." Finally the national organization split in two factions, and among the group of "conservatives" who continued to remain patient with the dilatory politicians in administrative circles and in Congress, were the followers of Anna Howard Shaw and her successor, Mrs. Catt. The "militant" group organized independently, and under the leadership of Miss Alice Paul, took up the challenge of President Wilson to "concert public opinion," by picketing the White House one hour later. These women were dragged through the streets of Washington, thrown into prison, went on hungered strikes, and were called all the vile names in the lexicon of unkind words for flaunting their banners in the Capitol and other public places. But through it all they remained—fairly sweet.

But when the day of success and triumph came, the "militants" were recognized as the head of the suffrage movement, and little has been heard of the "conservatives." Alice Paul—who a year or two ago was called "a little slip of a woman," "an agitator," and things lots worse, was recognized by the powers that appointed the Inaugural Committees and similar important bodies. She seems, very suddenly, to have become, like "the stone which the builders refused, the headstone of the corner."

The other day a suffrage memorial to the three pioneers of the women's movement in the United States—Susan B. Anthony, Lucretia Mott, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, was unveiled in the rotunda of the Capitol of the United States. It was one of the most impressive ceremonies in the history of the entire women's movement, and it marked what is perhaps the final acceptance of the success of women's suffrage by the highest officials of the Nation. Alice Paul and her followers, now swelled in numbers by reason of their successes, were the undisputed heads of suffrage representation in that great ceremony.

Washington, which hosted the "militants" now goes to tea and dinner at their headquarters, and admits that the meals are "fine." Suffragists who held aloof in the old days, have concluded that Miss Paul's group should be "cultivated," and they seek to be included in the affairs of the National Women's Party.

On the other hand the magnificent headquarters of the "conservatives" presided over by Mrs. Catt and her friends, has been closed, and the women have left the Capitol. Even the men in Congress who made long-winded speeches about these women "hurting suffrage" are now saying: "You've got to hand it to them, they won."

HALTING EUROPEAN CREDITS
The United States Treasury apparently acquired the habit of lending money to European nations during the war, and the Europeans evidently have grown to believe there is a never-failing supply of American cash to be had for the asking. The Senate has told the Secretary of the Treasury that it disapproves of his purpose to add additional billions

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Mr. D. R. Wight and daughter, Kathleen, of Gorham, N. H., were guests at the home of his brother, Dr. I. H. Wight, and family one day last week.

Mrs. John Swan and daughter, Mrs. D. C. Conroy, were in Portland last Saturday to see Mr. Swan and Mr. Conroy, who are there for treatment. Both are reported as improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parker of Shelburne, N. H., are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Feb. 22, 1921. Mrs. Parker was Miss Vivian Jackson before her marriage.

Messrs. F. J. Tyler and E. H. Smith were in Lewiston, Wednesday evening to attend the debate on Socialism between Professor Carroll of Bates College and Dr. Harry Laidler.

Mr. Irvin Homenway of Harrington Lake, fifty miles above Moosehead Lake, passed through Bethel one day last week on his way to Vermont. He was making the trip by dog team.

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ALBANY

MRS. ABBIE CUMMINGS

Again the community was saddened on hearing of the death of one of Albany's oldest residents, Mrs. Abbie Cummings, widow of the late J. W. Cummings, a Civil War veteran.

She was born in Belton, Maine, about seventy-seven years ago, one of a large family. Some over fifty years ago she was joined in marriage with Joseph moved to Lewiston for work in the cotton in New Gloucester. Later they Willey Cummings and with him went to ton mills where they lived a few years, and then they came to the farm in Albany where they have always lived since.

Six children were born to them: Laura Cummings Bumpus who resides in Auburn, Wallace E. of Albany, Mrs. Viola Ballard of Gardiner, Cora, wife of George Cummings, who passed away about twelve years ago, and Allen and Sybil who have always lived at home and cared for their parents and who will feel the loss of this mother most keenly. She also leaves several grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mrs. Cummings has been in failing health nearly all winter and confined to her bed for several weeks past. All this time she has been tenderly cared for by her daughter, Sybil, and granddaughter, Annie Hazleton, while the other children were with her much of the time.

The funeral was held at her home February fourteenth, the Rev. Mr. Curtis of Bethel speaking words of comfort to the bereaved family. The Circle and Grange added their flowers to the many brought by relatives and friends, making almost an entire covering for the casket as well as surrounding it.

All these seemed to say, "Rest and peace to one who has been a faithful servant and a kind and loving mother."

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Cummings visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Swan, of Locke's Mills, Sunday.

Mr. Harvey Jones of Lewiston was a recent guest at Herbert Bean's.

Mr. McKay has finished hauling wood for Dr. Wight.

Miss Myrtle Becker, who is teaching in North Paris, spent the week end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Becker were recent guests of her brother, Geo. Cummings.

Herbert R. Bean of Lewiston and Miss Naomi Smith of Bethel were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Bean, Saturday.

Mrs. Herman Cummings and Miss Edith Cummings were guests of Mrs. Howard Allen, Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kimball were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Abel Andrews, Tuesday.

George Cummings has just loaded a car of ash to be used for the making of shovel handles.

Helen Becker is quite ill at her home.

MARYLAND CASUALTY COMPANY
Baltimore, Maryland
Assets Dec. 31, 1920

Real Estate, 2,504,001.63
Mortgage Loans, 55,000.00
Stocks and Bonds, 20,084,557.89
Cash in Office and Bank, 1,230,908.51
Agents' Balances, 4,079,141.30
Bills Receivable, 25,075.07
Interest and Rents, 163,907.08
All other Assets, 94,117.27

Gross Assets, \$28,836,080.27
Deduct Items not admitted, 509,895.02

Admitted Assets, \$28,326,185.25
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1920
Net Unpaid Losses, \$10,200,986.19
Unearned Premiums, 8,027,712.89
All other Liabilities, 2,110,737.05
Cash Capital, 3,500,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 3,766,739.11

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$28,326,185.24
2-17-21—F

PENNSYLVANIA LUMBERMEN'S MUTUAL FIRE INS. CO., 804 Lafayette Building, Philadelphia, Pa.
Assets Dec. 31, 1920

Mortgage Loans, 240,700.00
Stocks and Bonds, 1,077,515.62
Cash in Office and Bank, 62,125.53
Agents' Balances, 26,732.04
Interest and Rents, 27,512.11
All other Assets, 92,758.96

Gross Assets, \$1,532,045.26
Deduct Items not admitted, 650.89

Admitted Assets, \$1,531,394.37
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1920
Net Unpaid Losses, 887,733.08
Unearned Premiums, 416,204.10
All other Liabilities, 18,471.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 1,078,986.19

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$1,531,394.37
2-17-21—F

EASTERN CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, Boston, Mass.
Assets Dec. 31, 1920

Stocks and Bonds, \$133,558.26
Cash in Office and Bank, 20,380.12
Agents' Balances, 6,406.42
Interest and Rents, 1,244.46

Gross Assets, \$166,530.26
Deduct Items not admitted, 12,840.17

Admitted Assets, \$153,690.09
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1920
Net Unpaid Losses, 12,913.92
Unearned Premiums, 13,944.96
All other Liabilities, 6,530.51
Cash Capital, 100,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 20,160.69

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$153,690.09
2-17-21—F



The Soul of the Grange

"Within Grange halls I have witnessed all the problems of life worked out: Acquaintance ripen into courtship and marriage, the next generation appear and be accepted into the order, old age give way to youth and then pass to the Great Husbandman. I have seen bitterness turned to forgiveness under the careful hand of peacemakers. Always the influence has been one to create a bond of friendship."

—From THE COUNTRY GENTLEMAN of May 15th, 1920.

The soul of the Grange is manifest in the farm home. It holds that the highest achievement is a life well lived; that the foundation for such a life is the home.

The better-living influences of the Grange radiate throughout the community. They are back of our county agents, of the demonstration work, of our schools. Friendship and well being spun within Grange halls are woven throughout the whole fabric of our country life.

In this age of faltering faith there is need for strong leadership. This the Grange offers. You need its sound counsel, its friendly associations. It needs your support.

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NORTH WATERFORD

Mabel Stanley is quite sick and has been in bed most two weeks.

A baby boy came to the home of Carl Hatch, Feb. 11, and a baby girl at Henry Durgin's, Feb. 14.

There was a good attendance at the Grangers box supper and dance Saturday night, the boxes sold high, one went for \$8.00.

Alpheus Goodwin has been having some bad spells.

Little Raymond Hatch has been sick a few days so he had the doctor Monday.

Joan Littlefield is laid up with sciatica and Dr. Hubbard was called Monday. It is very painful.

Eva Crouse and friend were week end guests here at her home. She is attending school at Fryeburg.

Mrs. Ernest Grover visited at her home in Albany, Monday.

Blanch Bartlett of North Norway, who is working for Mrs. Henry Durgin, was a week end guest at her home.

Harry Brown has been confined to the house again with a bad cold so the doctor has attended him.

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This is a New Charmeuse meuse.

opening in front to stout figure.

A blouse of dainty chequer be made of quite simple and

CHIC FROCK

Winter Days Gowns of Se to

The crisp smart frocks, a black are prominent and tea hour at one near the season. One it was of black and short full skirt bodice and tight fringe edged the shoulder collar crata, while a lead netting and this costume was strapped French gloves and a sm key fur.

Another costume attention consisted of a well tailored and wide, had a black, and with a big braided crepe black felt daisies velvet turban with a shawl and a shawl trimmed with cloth design.

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BLOUSE IN FAVOR

Picturesque Corsages Continue to Hold Attention.

Casaquin Model Reigns Supreme in Paris and Promises to Retain its Popularity.

The fashion of wearing decorative blouses grows apace. And it is a very desirable fashion. Indeed it is hardly correct to speak of the picturesque corsages which are now so generally worn as "blouses." One uses the word because it has come to represent anything that is neither a dress bodice nor a mantle. The arrival of the casaquin-blouse, has revolutionized the feminine world.

In Paris the casaquin reigns supreme, and it is likely to remain in favor for a long time to come. With the advent of the casaquin we have the revival of long-waisted effects, and also of "natural" waist measurements. Another style of garment now immensely popular is the tunic-blouse, which can be worn over any skirt, and at any time of the day. The Jenny creation is as becoming as it is original. The material is charming, white, lined throughout with black, the soft lining turning over irregularly at neck and hem.

This blouse could be made in many different combinations of color and of material. The important thing is that it should be something new, original, and the fads would not last so long.

The combination of black with white is the rage of the hour. The very King



This is a New Jenny Model in White Charmeuse Lined With Black Charmeuse.

opening in front is extremely becoming to stout figures—indeed to everyone. A blouse of this kind opens over a dainty chemise, and the latter may be made of real lace, etc. This blouse-tunic was cut in kimono fashion, quite simple and yet chic.

CHIC FROCKS ARE PLENTIFUL

Winter Days Bring Out Smartest Gowns of Season—Dolman Wraps to the Fore.

The crisp winter days call out smart frocks, among which gray and black are prominent. At the luncheon and tea hour at the fashionable hotels one sees the smartest gowns of the season. One particularly smart one was of black eggshell crepe, with a short full skirt and plainly fitted bodice and tight sleeves. Narrow fringed collar edged the deep V front, the shoulder collar at the back and the waist, while a fringed sash of black laid netting encircled the hips. With this costume was worn black suede strapped French boots, black suede gloves and a small flat turban of matching fur.

Another costume which attracted attention consisted of a short of henna cheviot well tailored. It was short and wide, had four gores and a fitted back, and with it was worn a matching braided crepe sash, edged with black felt daisies of cut work, a black velvet turban with side trimming of crepe and a short black sash cape trimmed with cloth cut in lattice work design.

Dolman wraps have come to the fore as the most popular form of wrap. They are chiefly worn for dress occasions, while fur coats of the shorter lengths are preferred for sport wear.

Ribbon the Rage. Ribbon is the rage just now. Ribbons everywhere! A beautiful dinner gown is made of cream chamois lace insertions, each band separated from its neighbor by narrow velvet ribbon, henna in color, the vivid tone contrasting cleverly with the lace. A wide bias of velvet hems the skirt. A veritable cascade of ribbons ripples from the belt. This dress is made over a double foundation of henna and cream chiffon.

CANTON

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. Hall are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son.

Charles W. Walker has sold to the American Thread Co., of Milw 21 head of his thoroughbred stock and delivered them last week. Enoch Markham, formerly of Canton, is herdsman for this company.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Frank Richardson have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Ingersoll of Monmouth for a few days. A dance was held at Union Hall, Canton Point, Thursday evening, a large crowd attending. Music was furnished by the local orchestra and a fine supper was served.

Mrs. Anna H. Dalley is visiting her sister, Mrs. Rockford Knowles, of Wayne.

J. H. Blanchard of Auburn has been visiting friends in town. Mrs. Hattie Reed and children are guests of her sister, Mrs. Harry Briggs, and family of Hartford.

The girls' basketball team will play with the Rumfords at Canton next Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Richardson were in Lewiston, Thursday.

Alfred Martin of Lewiston has been a guest of his brother, Lee Martin, and family.

The marriage of Miss Jennie M. Barrows of Canton and John C. Spinnay of Bath took place at New York, Saturday forenoon, the single ring service being used. Miss Barrows is the youngest daughter of the late Bonello A. Barrows and Ida Blanchard Barrows of Canton.

She graduated from the Canton high school, class of 1905, after which she went to Massachusetts to train for a nurse. She graduated from the McLean Training School at Waverley, Mass., from the Wesson Maternity Hospital at Springfield, Mass., and from the Massachusetts General Hospital of Boston. For the past seven years she has been employed at the Corey Hill Hospital of Brookline, Mass., five years as night superintendent and two years on the day staff. Mr. Spinnay is associated with the ship building firm of Percy Small of Bath, where they will make their home. Many friends extend congratulations.

An all day meeting of the Ladies' Aid was held Thursday at the vestry. Ansel Ellis has been a guest of his aunt, Mrs. Lola Ellis, and family of Dixfield.

John H. Martin and wife are visiting their son, Clarence Martin, of Wayne.

One of the best pictures ever put upon the screen in Canton was "The Girl of My Heart," which was given to a large house Saturday evening. A big eight reel special, "The White Moll," will be given next Saturday evening, with a dance following.

The next meeting of the Seabrook Cedars Club will be held Tuesday with Mrs. James A. Reynolds.

A Valentine party and social was held at the vestry of the Universalist church on the 14th. Games were played and a postoffice with Miss Bernice Hines as postmaster, was much enjoyed. Home-made candy was on sale.

Miss Nettie E. Bauer, a representative of the National Mothers' Congress and Parent-Teachers Association, gave a lecture at the high school room Tuesday evening. It is hoped that an Association will be formed in Canton. G. L. Wadlin, Mrs. O. M. Richardson and Dr. F. W. Morse were chosen as a nominating committee.

Ponemah Rebekah Lodge plan to initiate candidates at the next meeting. Miss Mary E. Coburn is caring for Mrs. Ella Nickerson, who is slowly gaining.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Waite have been guests of their son, Nathan B. Waite, and wife of Dixfield.

Maurice E. Hussey has been visiting his wife at the hospital in Lewiston. She remains very poorly.

Stereoptican slides of Lincoln and Washington were given at the United Baptist church, Sunday evening.

MARSHALL DISTRICT
Ingalls McAllister was a caller at Geo. Briggs', Sunday.

Mrs. Etta Saunders is sick and had to call Dr. Hubbard of South Waterford, Sunday.

Mr. Mel Barker of Calceades, N. H., is spending a few days at his father's, Mrs. Barker's.

Miss Christine Littlefield did not return to her school this week.

Miss Nell Flint went to Bethel, Monday, on business.

Miss Laura B. Briggs is visiting relatives in Grafton, N. H.

THE LUMBER MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE CO., of Boston, Mass.
Assets Dec. 31, 1920

Cash in Office and Banks,	\$1,000,012.03
Agents' Balances,	180,643.07
Interest,	33,017.02
All other Assets,	13,813.83
Total Assets,	\$1,227,485.95

Gross Assets,	\$1,378,316.04
Deduct Items not admitted,	150,830.59
Admitted Assets,	\$1,227,485.45

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1920	\$1,227,485.45
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$19,459.53
Unearned Premiums,	437,295.33
All other Liabilities,	11,354.33
Surplus over all Liabilities,	\$1,322,280.01

Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$1,000,729.35
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WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

To David M. Forbes, a citizen of the Town of Bethel, in the County of Oxford.

GREETING—In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bethel, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at Odson Hall in said Town on Monday, the 7th day of March, 1921, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:—

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.
Art. 3. To hear and act on the report of the several town officers.

Art. 4. To choose Selectmen for the ensuing year.
Art. 5. To choose Assessors for the ensuing year.
Art. 6. To choose Treasurer for ensuing year.

Art. 7. To choose one member of School Committee for the ensuing year.
Art. 8. To choose the method of collecting taxes for the ensuing year.

Art. 9. To choose a Collector for the ensuing year.
Art. 10. To choose a Road Commissioner for the ensuing year.

Art. 11. To establish the price the Road Commissioner shall receive for his services.
Art. 12. To choose an Auditor for the ensuing year.

Art. 13. To choose all other necessary town officers.
Art. 14. To see if the town will vote and raise the sum of \$3,203.39, the same being the overexpenditure of last year's appropriation in common schools, text-book account, repairs and supplies and rent of Bell's Hall.

Art. 15. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the support of schools for the ensuing year.
Art. 16. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the purpose of paying tuition in secondary schools.

Art. 17. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for text-books for the ensuing year.
Art. 18. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for repairs for schoolhouses for the year 1921.

Art. 19. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for school supplies for ensuing year.
Art. 20. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for repair of roads and bridges for ensuing year.

Art. 21. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for winter roads and overexpenditure for ensuing year.
Art. 22. To see if the town will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of appropriating and raising money necessary to entitle the town to State aid as provided in Sec. 20 of Chapter 180, Public Laws of 1913.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote and raise the sum of \$666.00, or more, for the improvement of the section of State aid road as outlined in the report of the State Highway Commission, in addition to the amount regularly raised for the care of highways.

Art. 24. To see if the town will vote and raise money, and what sum, for the maintenance and patrol of State and State aid highway during the ensuing year, within the limits of the town under the provision of Sec. 9, Chapter 130, Public Laws of 1913.

Art. 25. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the support of poor and overexpenditure for the ensuing year.
Art. 26. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 27. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for paying town debt and interest.
Art. 28. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the observance of Memorial Day, said money to be expended by Brown Post, G. A. R.

Art. 29. To see if the town will vote and raise money to pay Collector's Bond for the ensuing year.
Art. 30. To see if the town will vote to install electric lights on the toll bridge, money for paying same to be taken from the Miscellaneous Fund.

Art. 31. To see if the town will vote and raise the sum of \$500, the same to be placed with the \$500 raised in 1920, making \$1,000, for the purpose of building sidewalk on right side of Church street, from Main to High street.
Art. 32. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to hire money, if necessary, to pay outstanding bills.

Art. 33. To see if the town will vote and raise the sum of \$300 to procure from the Bethel Library Association the free use of the books during the coming year for all the inhabitants of the town under such restrictions and regulations as shall insure the safety and good usage of the books.
Art. 34. To see what action the town will take in regard to installing a set of heavy scales for the use of the public, and to raise money for installing same.

Art. 35. To see if the town will authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of 12 to be known as the Budget Committee.
Art. 36. To see if the town will vote to ratify and confirm the action of the municipal officers in executing a deed of the corn shop property to F. J. Tyler, in accordance with the vote of the town at the last annual meeting authorizing the sale of said property.

Art. 37. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise to build a permanent school building at West Bethel.
Art. 38. To see if the town will vote to buy the "Colors" for the American Legion, George A. Mundt Post, No. 81, and raise money to pay for same.

Any other business that may legally come before the meeting.
Hereof, fail not, and have you there this warrant with your doings thereon.

Given under our hands this 10th day of February, A. D. 1921.

FRANK A. BROWN,
WADE H. THURSTON,
F. B. HOWE,

Selectmen of Bethel.

The Selectmen will be in their office on Saturday the 5th day of March for the purpose of correcting the list of voters of the town and hearing and deciding cases of applicants claiming the right to have their names on the voting list.

A true copy—Attest:
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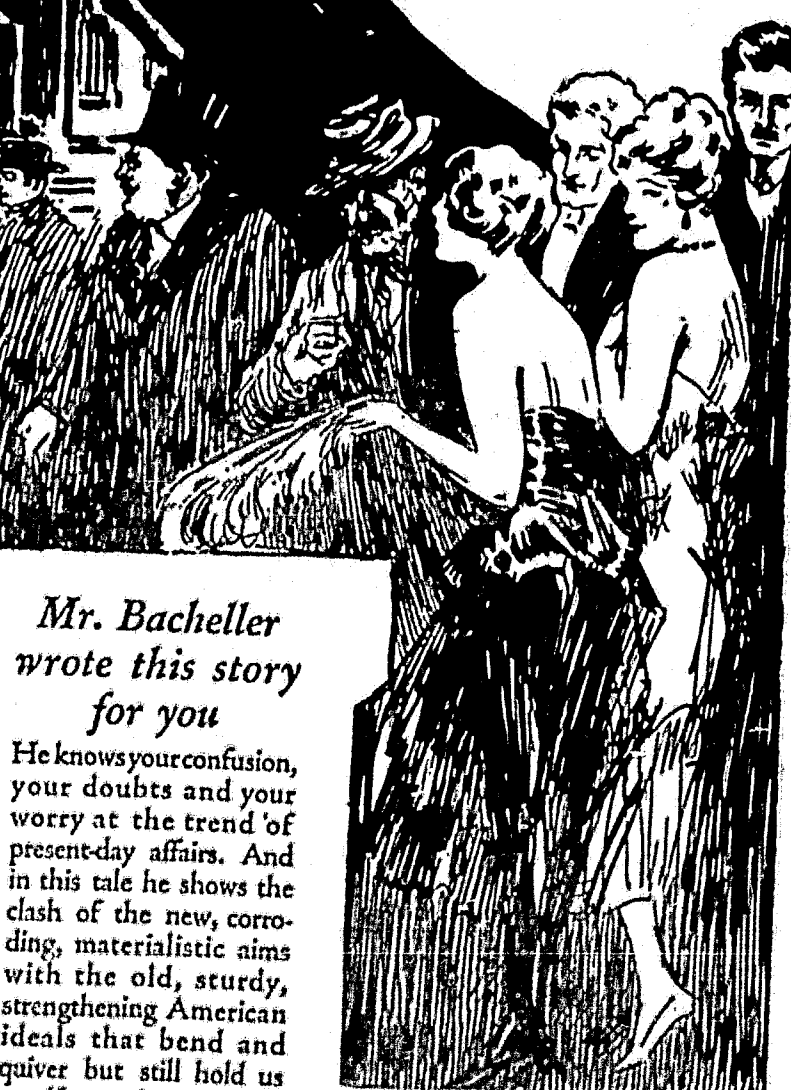
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BEGINS IN THIS ISSUE

SUNDAY RIVER
Fred Bartlett is working for E. P. Brown in Ketchikan.
Mrs. H. M. Kendall and daughters, Ruth and Charlotte, visited at Seth Mason's, Saturday.
Harry Williamson hauled pine to Bethel, Monday.
Louise Lowe, who is attending high school in Gorham, spent Saturday and Sunday with her grandparents in this place.
Joe Spinnay has gone to Bethel to drive team for Elmer Bean.
Merle Swan was in this place, Sunday.
H. A. Sweeney called at J. W. Reynolds', Sunday.
Mrs. H. M. Kendall and Mrs. J. J. Spinnay were in Bethel, Monday.

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NORWAY, MAINE

DOINGS AT BATES COLLEGE

Bates Women Adopt Student Government—Big Outing Club Carnival Coming—Bates Professor Meets Socialist in Debate—Athletics

This semester marks a new era in the life of the women at Bates, with the institution of a plan of Student Government, drawn up in large measure by the girls themselves, and accepted last week. Up until the present the girls as a body have had very little to do with the actual government, although various plans have been tried out, for the most part offering no real power for those governed. Proctors from the upper classes have been in charge of the dormitories, exercising strict control over the residents, and accountable directly to the faculty.

Now, however, all this is changed. Under the plan the girls elect for officers a President from the Senior class, a Vice-President from the Junior class, eight advisory Seniors, one other Junior, and two Sophomore representatives. Each dormitory elects three of its residents to serve with their advisory Seniors as a House Committee, the Seniors acting as chairmen. This committee is to enforce dormitory regulation and to make and enforce minor house regulations.

A Judiciary Committee is also provided for, consisting of the president of the Association as chairman, vice president and other officers of the association, as mentioned above, besides a faculty representation, in advisory capacity. This committee is evidently the heart of the organization, its duties being to "hear all reports brought by the advisory Seniors, to make decisions and enforce regulations in regard to all mat-

ters within its jurisdiction, and to hear and report all cases not in its power to settle. The constitution reads: "This committee is to meet bi-monthly, and at the call of the president."

A Council, to consist of the presidents of the girls' organizations and the vice-presidents of the four classes and other organizations including both the men and the women, is intended to "discuss and decide on policies and regulations within its power;—to receive lists of nominations for new officers of all organizations;—and to interpret the constitution and by-laws."

The officers, etc., of the organization have not yet been elected, Miss Kathryn Hanson being one of the nominees for the position of Secretary, and Miss Ernestine Philbrook, Frye Street House, Advisory Senior.

It will be noticed with careful reading that under this scheme the girls should have a nearly complete responsibility for their own government, thus better fitting themselves for the responsibilities of actual life. The faculty is represented in two cases, in each case, in an advisory capacity only.

The storm which visited New England last Sunday should provide ample snow for the festivities to be conducted this week by the Outing Club, in the form of a grand snow and ice carnival. Thursday afternoon will be devoted to ski and snow shoe races, ranging from 100 yards to a one mile cross-country, and including both men and women (although in separate events). Friday afternoon is to be a continuation of the snow sports, including relay races, potato race, and—wonder of wonders—a base ball game on snowshoes! In the evening will occur a hockey game with Springfield. Saturday is to be the big day, devoted to the rink on Lake Andrews, with dashes, jumps, secondary school relay races, and a mile race. The evening skating party promises to be one of the events of the year, starting off with an ice masquerade, with prizes for the best costumes, continuing with fancy skating, the award of prizes for all events, and winding up with a blazing bonfire and skating party.

Some weeks ago the Bates Student received a communication from the Inter-collegiate Socialist Society, which it published, containing a challenge to debate on the subject of Socialism. The Politics Club, through Prof. J. Murray Carroll, head of the Department of Economics, took up the gauntlet. Wednesday evening, February 23, Prof. Carroll met at Bates the representatives of the Society, Dr. Harry W. Laidler, Ph. D., a graduate of Wesleyan University, Brooklyn Law School, and Columbia University, and the author of many standard books on Socialism, such as "Boycotts and the Labor Struggle," and "Public Ownership Throughout the World." Prof. Carroll graduated from Bates in 1909, one of the best debaters Bates has ever had. While in college he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and Delta Sigma Rho, two national honor fraternities. He has assisted Prof. Haldor, of the Department of Argumentation, in preparing debating teams, and in fact was the coach of the team which defeated Yale on Dec. 11 last. Full details of the debate were not available in time to be presented to the readers of the Citizen this week.

This past week the Bates basketball team has been on a trip through Massachusetts, emerging the victor in three out of four contests, being defeated by Harvard, and winning from Northeast-

ern University of Boston, Mass. Institute of Technology, also of Boston, and Lowell Textile School. Bates meets the University of Maine tonight at Lewiston, and, having tasted defeat once at Maine's hands, will be "cut for blood." Friday evening, February 18, was the pleasure of many of the student body and residents of Lewiston and Auburn to listen to Dr. Bruno Roselli, at present Professor of Italian Literature at Vassar College. He is the first exchange professor between the United States and Italy. His subject concerned itself with Dante, and his influence on modern thought.

Orlando Duck spent the week end at Bethel.

COURT NEWS

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Roy Yeargle for three thefts and effort to break jail was sentenced to the State prison for one year and not more than three. This young fellow is 17 years old this month. He has served a part of a term in State Boys' School, running away from that institution to commit the robberies for which he was indicted.

Morris Bailey, indicted for larceny also for attempting to break jail with Yeargle, is a native of France. He came to America as a stowaway in an army transport. He speaks good English. He will not be 17 years old until next July. He was sentenced to the Reformatory for men at South Windham for an indeterminate sentence.

Thursday morning the case was State vs. Arthur Whitman for issuing fraudulent check. This was continued from the February term, 1920.

Although young Whitman was less than 21 years old at the time of issuing the check in question, he was engaged in buying cattle, sheep and hogs, butchering them, and taking the carcasses to market. Most of these animals were bought in the town of Woodstock, although he made his home with his parents in the village of Norway.

The defence is insanity. His actions in carrying on this business were peculiar. He was taken to the State Hospital in Augusta for observation, and Dr. Forest C. Tyson was in court to report on his case.

Respondent was found not guilty by reason of insanity.

Both traverse juries were finally discharged Thursday afternoon.

DIVORCES

The following divorces were decreed: Jennie S. Fisher, Hibelant, Augusta, from William K. Fisher, Mexico, cruel and abusive treatment.

Della M. Eaman, Hibelant, Mexico, from George D. Eaman, Mexico, cruel and abusive treatment. Name of libellant changed to Della M. Kimball.

Maud R. Strout, Hibelant, Berlin, N. H., from Edward H. Strout, Norway, desertion.

Alfred Haines, Hibelant, Dixfield, from Maud Paul Haines, Dixfield, cruel and abusive treatment.

Henry L. Marston, Hibelant, from Charlotte A. Marston, both of Mexico, cruel and abusive treatment. Care and custody of minor child to libellant.

Samuel Thomas Smith, Hibelant, from Caroline Rich Smith, both of Mexico, cruel and abusive treatment.

WEST GREENWOOD

Sherman Allen of Albany was in town last week selling fresh meat.

Ell Stearns of Bethel was a business visitor on Howe Hill last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilderbrand of Bethel Inn enjoyed a day's outing on Mt. Abram, recently.

Annie Cross is home from her school at Auburn until Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lowe were recent visitors in town.

Janet Campbell attended a basketball game at Gould's Academy, Friday evening.

Ellis Annis and Calvin Cummings of Bethel are hauling pine for Fred Edwards.

Carlton Penley was in this vicinity Monday of last week.

Gertrude Harrington, who spent a few days of the past week at North Bethel, returned home Sunday.

W. A. Holt attended the Supreme Judicial Court at South Paris, Wednesday.

Will Seames hauled apples to Bethel for Eli Stearns two days of last week.

Elmer Dean has finished hauling pine for Fred Edwards.

Phyllis Campbell spent the week end with out of town friends.

Leonard Armstrong visited at W. A. Holt's over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Yeargle of South Bethel were in town Sunday.

Will Seames is hauling pine for Mr. Hall.

Parker Conner spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Machin of Bethel. Mr. Brooks was in town recently selling furniture polish.

Napoleon Machin, James Spinney, Alton Fernald and Joe Spinney were among the out of town callers of last week.

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NATIONAL CAPITAL

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to the nine billion that has already been supplied to Europe. The same inquisitive Senate has been asking embarrassing questions that have brought out the fact that the Europeans are not paying either interest or principal on their loans; and at least one Government has suggested to the United States that all the indebtedness be cancelled—in other words, donated to them. The facts brought out also disclose that the Kerevsky regime in Russia was loaned \$40,000,000. Ever since Russia "popped" the Russian Embassy has been kept up, and their "Minister" has been supplied with lots of money, doubtless sent in from the United States Treasury.

Those who accuse the United States with deserting its ideals for which it went into the war are still willing to admit that we continue to be over-generous with our dollars, particularly in view of the upset industrial and economic conditions at home. It is suggested that our financial policy with these foreign countries does more credit to the heart than the head of Secretary Houston and those who agree with his policy.

SEEKING TO EXTEND RURAL CREDIT

Congress has given a lot of attention to means of extending credits to farmers, and one of the methods that it will be sought to pass next session, is embodied in similar bills introduced by Representative McFadden in the House and Senator Kenyon in the Senate. These bills provide for the creation of two corporations, by special Federal charters, namely: a rural credit society and a general insurance league.

The credit society would consist of one central bank with 25,000,000 capital to be furnished by the Government without interest, and to be returned from the sinking fund created by the bill. There would be forty-eight branches, one for each State, with \$50,000 capital each, to be furnished by the insurance company, accepting such Federal league charter. This stock would pay 6 per cent cumulative dividend and become a guaranty against the loss of the capital furnished by the Government.

Farmers may organize any number of community associations, or "communes," with not less than seven members each. The "commune" stock will be in shares of \$5 each and owned by this "commune" stock instead of deposits and thus avoid the expensive machinery of deposit banking and broaden the market for productive farm credit paper.

Provision is made for commissioners to negotiate with one of the six largest life insurance companies to induce one of them to accept the Federal charter and invest 7,200,000 in the credit society and elect its auditor and deputy auditors.

UNCLE SAM VOICES OPTIMISM

The Federal Reserve Board in a statement just issued says that "better conditions in business have been manifesting themselves during the past month. They have been most obvious in the field of banking and finance. They have, however, also been of decided significance in industrial lines." The statement observes that while the process of readjustment is not complete, "it has proceeded far enough in a number of branches of business to prepare the way for new constructive work." Another significant paragraph in the resume of affairs says that retailers throughout the country "have undertaken to transfer to their customers some part at least of the benefit arising from reductions in cost at the point of production."

IMPEACHING LANDIS

A lot of good copy has been furnished the newspapers by reason of the impeachment proceedings initiated in Congress against Federal Judge Kenesaw M. Landis, of Chicago. Landis first came into prominence by his \$25,000,000 fine against the Standard Oil many years ago. Since then he has remained in the limelight. It was his sentence of Victor Berger, the Milwaukee Socialist and re-

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jected Congressman, that was set aside by the Supreme Court one month ago. Some people believe that Landis is erratic—anyway he seems the storm-center of sensational happenings such as other Judges avoid.

His present principal offence is apparently based upon superficial affairs, and there is not much likelihood that the impeachment proceedings will ever get very far in Washington.

PARTY POSTMASTERS

Republican politicians in Congress are looking for "ways and means" to pry loose the hold of Democratic postmasters throughout the country. The talk one hears in the Capitol is to the effect that the Democrats have worked the "merit" system to such an extent that they have perpetuated members of their political faith in charge of the postoffice machinery of the country. But there is a big force in the new administration that desires to distribute plums among the faithful. In consequence postmaster-ships may not be regarded as a wholly "sure-thing."

LEADERS IN EGG-LAYING CONTEST

There was a general change of names in the first group of leaders at the close of the third month of the winter egg-laying contest, conducted under the supervision of the College of Agriculture extension service.

E. L. Smith & Son of Kennebunkport led for the month, their pen of 25 Barred Plymouth Rocks having laid a total of 660 eggs in the 31 days. The next nearest in line were the White Wyandottes of Mrs. C. O. Hill of Sangerville, which laid 457 eggs. Mrs. Merle Gammon of Livermore Falls was in third place, her White Wyandottes having made a score of 455. Two pens of Rhode Island Reds followed, those of Mrs. Elwin Noble of Livermore Falls securing 452 and those of Mrs. A. W. Childs of Whiteville, 450. The hens of the other contestants finished the month in this relative order:

J. E. Gupitill, Berwick; Reuben Lowe, North Shapleigh; Miss Belle Morse, Pittsfield; Mrs. W. A. Howland, Albion; W. A. Ripley, Rockland; Mrs. Perry Ames, Dover; F. W. Ladd, Preppit; Mrs. Estelle Stratton, Hancock; Miss Mahol M. Irish, Buckfield; Mrs. J. E. Gupitill, Berwick; F. D. Lord, East Lebanon; Mrs. T. E. Foss, Harmony; O. C. Leathors, Kenduskeag; P. M. Wyman, West Paris; Miss L. M. Maxwell, Bowdoinham; P. W. Reed, Windsorville; J. A. Chadbourne, Bridgton; H. G. Leadster, North Whitefield.

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At a meeting of the Merchants' Association it was voted that all stores in the town close Wednesday evenings throughout the year.

Charles Levin is in New York and Boston, attending the spring openings. The Past Chiefs of the Pythian Sisterhood have formed a Past Chief's Club. The officers elected were: Mrs. Grace Sweet, President; Mrs. Mervin Learned, Secretary and Treasurer.

J. B. Holley of Farmington is out again after a serious illness. He is the father of Mrs. W. S. Morrow of Rumford, who has been with her father during a part of his illness.

At the regular meeting of the Napoleon Onilleto Post last week, of the Women's Auxiliary, six new members were taken in. The next meeting will be held on Feb. 28. Several social affairs are being planned by the ladies for the coming months.

Mr. and Mrs. James Tolland of Knox street are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a daughter.

Junior High School has recently received a very much appreciated gift from Mr. Philip Israelson, who is interested in the athletics and schools. The boys begin to play basketball in Junior High in preparation for their High School training, along the same line.

This year, for the first time, the school bought six suits, including pants, jerseys, stockings, and auction-soled shoes. Mr. Israelson paid one-half the bill for the suits.

In the recent drive for funds for the European Children's Relief Fund, the Ambrose Barry Council, Knights of Columbus contributed the sum of \$257. This amount was collected from the 74 members of the order, by Ena Carrier, and was sent in as a part of the Rumford quota.

Mrs. Peter McDonald is slowly improving from her recent serious illness.

A skating contest for boys from 7 to 17 years of age, is to be held on the Swan pond on Saturday afternoon of this week. Suitable prizes are to be given to the winners.

The engagement is announced of Miss Laura McMennamin and Dr. Edward A. Sheely.

The Baptist Ladies' Aid are thinking of giving a public dinner on town meeting day. They are also to have a food sale at some near date, with Mrs. Geo. G. Brown as chairman.

The Methodist Ladies' Aid are to hold an Easter sale when there will be a candy table, fancy work table, and refreshments on sale.

Richard Ellis, the 12 year old son of William Ellis, died last week at the McCarty Hospital, where he had gone for a bad case of appendicitis.

The delegates to the Boys' Conference from the Baptist church are Warren Trask, Donovan Jenkins, Cecil Eldridge, Mr. Korr and Jesse Twitcheil.

The committee on the Easter concert to be given at the Baptist church has been appointed as follows: Mrs. Harry Carroll, chairman; Deacon John Chapman, Superintendent of the Sunday School; Mrs. Martin Harlow, Frank Morris, Mrs. George Brown, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Burditt, Mrs. John B. Martin, Charles Mixer, Mrs. B. C. Jenkins and Miss Edith Plagg.

A. H. Ruggles of Main avenue, who has been ill nearly all winter, has so far recovered, as to be able to resume his work in the Oxford mill.

Robert Edwards, Joseph Howard and Roy Judkins, all of Dixfield, have been at the McCarty hospital for treatment. The two latter undergoing operations for appendicitis.

Don and Mrs. Stanley Blahoe have been recent guests of their son, Franklin, and wife in Portland.

Mrs. Blanche Chase left last week for Boston, where she is to make an extended visit with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sobble are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a son.

Miss Ruth Ostrum, now of Hyde Park, formerly of this town, is teaching in the public schools of Hyde Park.

Mrs. John Thatcher of the Virginia District, is very ill at her home.

W. G. Hicks is in Boston this week attending the annual convention of the New England Hardware Dealers Association.

Ivring Cohen, formerly employed by the Boston Syndicate Store at Bangor is now employed with the local store of the Boston Syndicate.

Charles Denton has presented his name as a candidate for the office of Town Clerk, which position is now held by Oliver Pettengill. Mr. Denton has been a citizen of Rumford for the past 15 years, is a graduate of the Rumford Central as brakeman until Feb. 8, 1918 when he met with a serious accident, in which he lost both legs. He figured prominently in a lawsuit with the railroad, and was awarded one of the largest verdicts ever handed down in the State. At the present time he is engaged in insurance business, and in summer operates a public car. Mr. Pettengill has held this office for the past thirteen years, and is a candidate for reelection this year. The present set of town officials are all candidates for reelection this year, although it is thought that some of them may meet with some strong opposition.

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A MERCILESS JUDGE

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A merciless judge is Father Time. Before him the weak and the wanting go to the wall. Only the truth can stand. For years the following statement from a Bethel resident has withstood this sternest of all tests.

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(Statement given June 12, 1916.)

On September 9, 1920, Mrs. Bartlett added: "Anything I can say for Doan's Kidney Pills couldn't be too good. They cured me of kidney trouble several years ago and that cure has remained permanent. All I said in my former statement holds good today."

Price, 60c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Bartlett had. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

The State of Maine, under date of Feb. 11 have authorized an increase of the capital stock of the Rumford Falls Light and Power Company from \$100,000 to \$200,000, and for the issue of a part of said increase as a stock dividend.

Albert Shea of the Methodist church has been appointed leader to accompany the boys to the Boys' Conference to be held in Portland. The following boys will go from the Methodist church: John Hay, Shirley Stevenson, J. W. Wade, Fleming Murray, Ervin Kilgore, Donald Ricker, Fletcher Shea will go as cheer leader.

At a special convocation of Stratford Commandery, Knights Templar, held on Friday evening last, six candidates were knighted, and a rare feature of the work was the fact that two of the candidates receiving the order of Knighthood at the hands of their fathers, Eminent Commander James Shea conferring the order on his son, and Commander Wallace W. Andrews of Portland Commandery, conferring the order on his son Bradford, who lives in Rumford.

Commander Andrews greatly appreciated the courtesy extended him by Stratford Commandery to come to Rumford for the honor of knighting his son.

Rumford Royal Arch Chapter received the official inspection by Edmund B. Mallett on Monday evening of this week, with a large attendance of members. A fine banquet was served at 6:45 o'clock by the ladies of the Eastern Star.

Notices were posted at the Oxford mill, notifying the help that the plant would be shut down all of this week. This meant the manufacturing end, as many men are being kept at work on repairs that the plant may be in perfect working order, when work is again resumed. Many of the men are also finding employment unloading wood and supplies coming in by rail.

About forty of the teachers of the public schools of the town gave a surprise party on Saturday evening last at the home of High School Principal Monahan on Prospect avenue, to Miss Mildred Smith, secretary to Superintendent Williams, whose marriage takes place in April. The affair was a complete surprise to Miss Smith, and the joyous occasion was enjoyed, ice cream and cake being served while the festivities progressed. Miss Smith was presented with two twenty dollar gold pieces, and one ten dollar gold piece, which plainly shows the high esteem in which she is held by the teaching force of the town.

Miss Marion Hutchins of Portland is the guest of her uncle and wife, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Hutchins, of Franklin street.

Among those from Rumford who attended the Shriner's Ball at Lewiston on Monday evening of this week were Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Pettengill, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Andrews, Mr. Philip and Miss Mattie Israelson and Mrs. Rebecca Israelson.

LOCKE'S MILLS

Mrs. William Smith and baby of New York are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Swift.

Lester Tebbets was in Newry on business, Wednesday.

Fred Morton visited with his sister, Mrs. E. L. Tebbets, at Auburn, recently. Marjorie Farwell visited her parents at Middle Intervale over Sunday.

Hort Goodwin of Norway was in town, Sunday.

Miss Martha Cole of Bethel was a week end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Cole.

Mrs. W. R. Swift is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Barton Hall, at Auburn for a few days.

Dennis Swan and Loring Roberts each caught a toad weighing 8 and 8 1/2 pounds and measuring thirty-two and thirty inches respectively.

Guy Swan and Frank Cummings were home from Newry, Sunday.

We will pay you 5 cents per pound for clean rags suitable for wiping presses, delivered at the Citizen office.

The American Legion

(Copy for This Department Supplied by the American Legion News Service.)

ROAST FOR THE PROFITEERS

Chaplain of Columbia University Post Brands Grasps as "Greedy Human Vultures."

"Greedy human vultures" and "crawling ghouls" were terms applied to war profiteers by Rev. Dr. Herbert Shipman, chaplain of Columbia university post, No. 400, of the American Legion, in his Armistice day sermon at the Church of the Heavenly Host on Fifth avenue in New York.

Doctor Shipman, who is rector of the Fifth avenue church and an overseas veteran, said that he was bitter against "those who out of the sacrifice and blood of others have coined dirty money while posing as patriots."

The pastor read from a poem he had written, the title of which is "The Profiteer."

It follows:

You have decked your frowzy wives with borrowed splendors,

You have hid your daughters' necks with stolen pearls;

Have you thought about the other wives, the lenders,

Or the harlots made to decorate your girls?

You have fashioned from the needs of sick and dying,

From the souls of children pleading for the right,

Ready cash today to do your Christmas buying,

Ready cash to pay your prostitute tonight.

You have coined your filthy gold from blood and sorrow;

There are soldier graves across the field of France,

Whence the dead through you upon tomorrow

Will rise to damn your profits with a glance.

All the deathless deeds worth doing and worth telling,

All the things that noble men hold high and true,

All but seemed to you for buying and for selling,

All to serve a greasy human vulture—you!

God! That better men should toil and sweat and labor,

Bear the cross and climb up Calvaries of pain;

While the crawling ghouls that spare not friend or neighbor

Damn the world to make a crucible for gain.

At blackest hell, O Lord, there be a blacker!

If beneath the deepest pit a deeper pit; Not for harlot, thief or coward slacker; But for these that blackest, deepest hell is fit.

Profiteers of every sort and kind and fashion,

Where you tread full many other feet have trod;

You are ranged against the power of Christ's own passion;

Here! Behind you walk the searching feet of God.

FUNERAL OF OVERSEAS HERO

Massachusetts Post Conducts Last Rites for Member of the Twenty-Sixth Division.

The Fall River (Mass.) post, No. 126, of the American Legion recently conducted a funeral for Private Ward of the Twenty-sixth division, who died overseas. The photograph shows the flag-draped casket being carried by the guard of honor from the portals of the Fall River armory.

\$350,000 FOR NEW HOSPITAL

American Legion of Texas Actively Behind Plan for Care of Men Who Have Tuberculosis.

The American Legion of Texas is now actively behind the campaign to raise \$350,000 for a hospital for tuberculous ex-service men. At a recent meeting of the Benevolent War Risk society of Texas the directorate was increased from 15 to 45, the 30 new directors being the membership of the state Legion executive committee and five members of the central hospital committee at Austin.

This marks the turning over of active control of the campaign to the Legion. Some \$200,000 still remains to be raised, but the first unit of 100 beds of the proposed hospital is almost ready for occupancy.

Ancient Perfume.

It seems strange to us today to read of saffron as a perfume; one of the romances about it lies in the story by Hakluyt of a pilgrim smuggling, at the risk of his life, from the Levant a head of saffron in a hollow made in his staff.

Both in a Cavity.

Wife—I dropped into a millinery opening today.

Hub—And put me in a hole, I'll bet.

—Boston Transcript.

Uncle Walt's Story

Walt Mason

MATCHMAKING

"NOW that Miss Favorito is coming to spend a few days with us, I think I'll invite Charles Augustus Terwilliger to dinner," said Mrs. Jamesworthy. "I have always thought they were intended for each other, and they should be better acquainted."

"I never could understand why married women are always matching up the young people of their acquaintance," remarked Jamesworthy. "Most wives insist—at least to their husbands—that matrimony is a pronounced failure."

Every time you see an old maid you turn green with envy, and you have told me a million times that a woman sacrifices her liberty and independence the minute she inveigles a man to the altar, and vows to love, cherish and protect him. You have said in my presence that the splinter is the only woman who is her own boss.

"It doesn't take the ingenuity of a Sherlock Holmes to deduce from your remarks that you consider matrimony a total loss. Why, then, Mrs. Jamesworthy, are you forever trying to beguile your friends into that condition of misery? Of course, you can't explain; neither can any woman explain. Matchmaking just comes natural to all of you."

"When I am looking for all kinds of plain and fancy trouble, I'll begin matching up the young men and women of my acquaintance. But not until I am suffering for an invoice of grief. I might persuade my friends to invest in a western oiler mine, or buy patent rights in a revolving chair, but you'll never see Elijah Jamesworthy boasting matrimony in your indiscriminate way. If two young people get married through your ring generalship, and they found that each had drawn a gold brick, they would hate you as long as they lived, and would always speak of you as an old busybody with a nose too long for legitimate purposes, and they'd make faces at you whenever you met them on the street."

"Do you ever think of your responsibility when you try to boom the orange blossom market? Does it ever occur to you, at such times, that you are rushing in where angels fear to tread?"

"Now, just consider Sarah Jane Favorito and Charles Augustus Terwilliger, who will be railroaded to the altar if you're your way. I admit that they make a handsome pair. Sarah is a blonde with a pug nose, and Charles Augustus is a brunette with a nose like a Roman senator. They afford a pleasing contrast. But appearances count for little, Mrs. Jamesworthy, when the real business of married life begins."

"Sarah has basked in the lap of luxury all her days, and she has the idea that money grows on vines like cucumbers. I don't suppose she ever knew what it means to want fifty cents or a dollar. When she wants anything she goes to the store and gets it, and has it charged to her father. If there is one word in the dictionary she isn't familiar with, that word is retrenchment."

"Charles Augustus on the other hand, had hard sledding all through his boyhood. As a result of his experience he has an exaggerated idea of the value of a kopeck. He is the sort of man who will walk eight miles through a thunderstorm rather than cough up a cent. Whenever he parts with a nickel he has to take a bromoseltzer to steady his nerves. His reverence for money increases every day, and it will keep on increasing as long as he lives."

"Yet you, Mrs. Jamesworthy, in your feeble-minded matchmaking enthusiasm, would use your voice and influence to join these two people in the holy bonds. Just take the advice of your graybacked husband, and let such people work out their own destinies, and everybody concerned will be happier."

Takes Ball Behind Halibut.

Uncle George Butler of Ellsworth, Me., now in his eightieth year, looked a halibut while fishing off Slaters ledge, and casting off his anchor rope, which he had fastened with a toggle, he enjoyed a sail about the bay, with the halibut for power. After a while the halibut got tired and Uncle George hauled it in. It weighed 200 pounds.

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—Boston Transcript.

THE KITCHEN CABINET

(1920, Western Newspaper Union.)

Let others cheer the winning man, there's one I hold worth while—'Tis he who does the best he can, that loses with a smile.

Beaten he is, but not to stay down with the rank and file. The man will live another day who loses with a smile.

—Arthur Beer.

SEASONABLE GOOD THINGS.

The lima bean lends itself to so many good dishes, hot and cold, soups as well as salads that it should be often upon our tables.

Italian Lima Beans.—Cut one-third of a cupful of fat salt pork into dice and fry until brown. Add one large onion sliced thin, remove the pork and bits of onion and add the cooked drained beans to the fat in frying pan. Add six tablespoonfuls of tomato juice or catsup, season to taste with salt and pepper and cook until dry.

Frozen Chocolate Pudding.—Pour one cupful of boiling water over one-half cupful of sugar and six ounces of grated chocolate; stir until thick and smooth, then let cook. Mix light three cupfuls of whipped cream flavored with vanilla, turn into a fancy mold, cover securely and pack in ice and salt. Let stand for five hours. Serve with preserved strawberry syrup.

Stewed Beef and Cucumbers.—Take a round of beef weighing two to three pounds, brown it quickly in beef drippings. Remove to a deep kettle and add browned three sliced onions and three cucumbers which have been pared and quartered and the seeds removed. Add these to the meat; then to the fat in the pan add sufficient flour to absorb it. Stir until browned; then add half a pint of boiling water. To this add an equal quantity of stewed and strained tomato; pour over the meat, season with salt and pepper, cover and simmer for two and one-half hours. Serve the meat on a platter with the vegetables and the sauce around it, garnishing with triangles of fried bread.

Surprise Pears.—Pare and core pears and put a bit of preserved ginger into the center of each. Season with salt and sugar, and add lemon juice. Make the rice into a paste with the yolks of two eggs well beaten. Cover each pear with rice, dip in crumbs, then in beaten egg, then crumbs and fry in deep fat.

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The KITCHEN CABINET

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You have eyesight and hearing and speech. Your limbs are sound. You use your arms and your legs and your hands as freely as ever. What in creation are you waiting about? If one spot is crowded, so where they need a crowd. If one resource fails you, invent another.—Kaufman.

IN CHESTNUT TIME.

The cooked chestnut is not nearly so popular as it deserves to be. Any time or labor entailed in its preparation is amply repaid by the result.

Chestnut Custard.—Blanch, boil until soft, and mash. Add one egg yolk, one cupful of milk and half a teaspoonful of vanilla extract, and sugar to taste. Pour into a buttered baking dish and bake slowly. Make a meringue with the remaining whites and two tablespoonfuls of sugar, and bake slowly on returning to the oven. Garnish with preserved cherries.

Imperial Chestnut Pudding.—Take one pint of chestnuts, one pint of almonds, two cupfuls of sugar, the yolks of six eggs, two cupfuls of cream, two cupfuls of boiling water, one pineapple or a can of the same, and one pound of candied fruit. Shell and blanch the chestnuts and cover with boiling water and cook until tender. Drain and press through a celerator.

Put the candied fruit into bits, shell and blanch the almonds. Boil the sugar and boiling water for a quarter of an hour, then add the beaten yolks of the eggs, remove from the fire and beat until cool. Now add the fruit, cream, almonds, chestnut flavoring and a quarter of a cupful of orange juice. Mix well and freeze. Pack for five hours to ripen.

Mashed Chestnuts.—These may be served as a vegetable or as a cake filling. Put boiled, blanched chestnuts through a ricer, season with salt, butter, and cream as for mashed potatoes. For puddings add flavoring, sugar and a pinch of salt.

Chestnuts and Ham.—Place alternate layers of thinly sliced cooked ham and mashed chestnuts in a baking dish. Season with minced marjoram and sage, salt and bit of butter to the top layer of chestnut pulp. Bake until brown on top.

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rooker had loaned to him, Bob had learned the neat habits of old summer colony in that wondrous garden. All day he sat by the window with his work, an air

to lures and thorny ways. He
is the flowers and birds of the
strangely fair and winsome,
tanned, dark hair curling about
his face. He had large, clear, brown

"I don't want to touch it! I'm shivering," said the Shepherd. "Put it in the drawer. It makes me

Susan Crowder, having had a brother who had fought in the Civil War, couldn't stand it, the Featherstons preferred to live in the kitchen. Indeed there was a warrant for this remarkable sister. The Gilligan sisters had a

at night Judge Crooker used
"It's Iiram again. The poor
is out a-Iiramlog."
am Snodgrass, the carpenter,
uch thought and reflection to
d fortune of the Gilligan girls.

ly assistance on the part of Dymont, fourteen years old, son of Captain Dyer Dymont of Wash., probably saved Malcolmson, eleven, from drowning in the slough in that city. The boy going down for the third time young Dymont jumped into the water and grabbed him by his shirt collar and swam with him safely to shore. First aid treatment was applied and Dymont was revived.



"I Don't Lend Money to People Who Make a Bad Use of It."

being now the more emphatic. "I don't lend money to people who make a bad use of it."

"Can you give me work?" asked the unfortunate drunkard.

"No! But if you were a hired girl, I'd consider the matter,"

Some people who overheard the words laughed loudly. Poor Blenkinsop made no reply, but he considered the words an insult to his manhood in spite of the fact that he hadn't any manhood to speak of. At least, there was not enough of it to stand up and

insulted—that is sure. After that he was always racking his brain for something mean to say about J. Patterson BIng. BIng was a cold-blooded snake. BIng was a scrapper and a grinder. If the truth were known about BIng he wouldn't be holding his own in high Judas Iscariot and J. Patterson BIng were off the same bush. These were some of the things that Blenkinsop scattered abroad and very, very, to say the least, they were extremely unjust. Mr. BIng's innocent remark touching Mr. Blenkinsop's misfortune in not being a hired hand, arose naturally out of social conditions in the village.

Furthermore, it is quite likely that every one in Bingville, including those personal creatures known as Law and Order, would have been much happier if some magician could have

ed Mr. Blenkinsop into a hired
and have made him a life mem-
of the "Dish Water Aristocracy."
Judge Crooker was wont to call it
The community of Blagville was
famed for its simplicity and good
servants were unknown in this
of some thousands people. It
was the place of doctors and profes-
sors and merchants and men whom
the world had heard of, and who
were deplorably well known to J. J.
Harrison Bing, the owner of the pulp
mill, celebrated for his riches; but
he could almost say that its most
sought for and popular folk were its
and girls. They were few and snuffy,
they excelled rare and discretion in
choice of their employers. They
calculated the diet of the said employ-
and the frequency and quality of
entertainments. If it could be

that there was an aristocracy in place they were it. First, among Who's Who in Bingville, were the organ sisters who worked in the big book house of Judge Crooker; another Mrs. Pat Collins, seventy-two years of age, who presided in the kitchen of the Reverend Otis Singleton; two others were Susan Crooker

oman of sixty, and a red-headed
with one eye, of the name of
therstraw, both of whom served
opulent Blacks. Some of these
d girls ate with the family—save
special occasions when city folk
s present, Mrs. Collins and the
gans seemed to enjoy this privi-

but Susan Crowder, having had an ancestor who had fought in the Revolutionary war, couldn't stand it, Martha Featherclaw preferred to stay in the kitchen. Indeed there was a warrant for this remarkable situation. The Gilligan sisters had a



"Mother," He Said, "I Love Pauline."

ery—a new kind of a human being. Often he thought of her as he sat looking out of the window and often he dreamed of her at night.

The little Shepherd of the Birds was not quite a boy. He was a spirit untouched by any evil thought, unbroken to lures and thorny ways. He was like the flowers and birds of the garden, strangely fair and winsome, with silken, dark hair curling about his brows. He had large, clear, brown

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BRYANT'S POND

The Chamber of Commerce held its regular meeting Wednesday, Feb. 16. After the business session there was a public meeting with the ladies as guests to discuss the school problem. Our building needs a new addition to accommodate the number of high school students. Supt. A. B. Garcelon was the chief speaker of the evening. He told of the many advantages to be gained by the town, which had a steadily increasing number in its high school. Everyone present was convinced that it is worth while to provide the addition needed. Principal H. H. Gilmore brought out several important points in regard

FIRE AT SOUTH PARIS

(Continued from page 1)

it was possible to do so. In their show room on the ground floor the Paris Auto Sales Co. had three new cars, and in the basement some used cars. These were all got out. It was not possible to get into Mr. Pierce's jewelry store to save anything.

The second floor, which was formerly a public hall, was some time since leased to the Victory Amusement Co., more popularly known as Carrigan & Gray of Lewiston, who for some time have run a moving picture house there under the name of the Savoy Theatre. Nothing was moved from this floor.

The third or upper floor was used exclusively for the Odd Fellows, the several bodies using it being Mt. Mica Lodge, Aurora Encampment, and Mt. Pleasant Rebekah Lodge. Their hall and other rooms were finely furnished and equipped. Of course nothing was saved from that floor, and everything is a total loss.

Odd Fellows' Block was the most capacious business structure in town, a wooden building of three stories and basement, erected in 1878, and the upper floor has always been occupied by the Odd Fellows. Since its erection its external appearance has been slightly changed by improvements, and its interior has undergone more or less minor remodeling. It was owned by a corporation, the Mt. Mica Building Association, most of the stock of which is now owned by the Odd Fellows lodge.

The building narrowly escaped destruction and was badly damaged in a fire on the 16th of December, 1919, an even colder night than last Friday. The damage done at that time had been repaired, and the building put in better shape than before.

Estimates of the loss vary, some placing it much higher, but 30,000 is a conservative figure for the total. The several losers have insurance to some amount.

Before the fire was under control, the sentiment was expressed that another wooden building would not be erected on that lot, and forecasts of a brick block there are freely heard. Indeed, our information need not stop here. The plan already formulated is to move True Block to dispose of it in some way, and on the two lots erect a three-story brick block, 145 feet front and 63 feet deep.—Oxford Democrat.

to the actual cost of maintaining the high school. Refreshments of ice cream, fancy cookies, saltines and coffee were served.
Saturday evening the High School held a social time in the Grange Hall. Games of whist, rook, dominoes, check, etc., were played from eight till nine. After this games and a few round dances were enjoyed. Ice cream, cake and home made candies were sold. Over twenty-five dollars was cleared.

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If you don't like the Citizen.

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WEST PARIS

The funeral of Paul Immonen was held from the Finnish Congregational church Tuesday at 10 o'clock. He passed away Sunday morning when attending church. He was a brother of Lauri Immonen and was a native of Finland. His age was about 40 years.

George Tucker of Portland is a guest of his sister, Miss Ruth Tucker.

Fifteen new books have been added to West Paris Public Library as follows: Maine, My State
Light of Western Stars, Zano Gray
Dawn of Morning, Lutz
Helena, Ward
The Portygoe, Lincoln
Princess of Mars, Burroughs
Tarzan of the Apes, Burroughs
No Defense, Parker
Mary Marie, Porter
Buildings, Glasgow
Johnnie Appleseed, Atkinson
Barce, Son of Kazon, Curwood
House of Whispers, Johnston
Isabel, Curwood
Present of Saakatchewan, Bindloss
Rev. H. A. Markley started for Philadelphia Wednesday morning, called there by the death of his uncle, Dr. Roberts. Mr. Markley received the telegram too late to take the forenoon train to Portland in order to make connection as was obliged to go by team to Mechanic Falls, going to Auburn and from there with the night train.

Schools have been closed here during the past week on account of scarlet fever. Those now reported from the disease are Mrs. Harry Patch and daughter Mary, also Lettie, daughter of Alton Day, at Harry Patch's, Main street and the little daughters of Harold Hollis, Greenwood street. The houses are quarantined and it is hoped there will be no further spread of the disease.

Lewis M. Mann went to the Central Maine General Hospital, Lewiston, Friday morning for medical treatment. Mr. Mann has been in poor health for some time. He was accompanied by Dr. Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Mann and Mrs. Mann, who will remain in Lewiston with her husband.

Miss Mabel Ricker was in South Paris Thursday.

Miss Alice Penley entertained the Jolly Twelve Whist Club Wednesday evening.

West Paris Grange conferred the first and second degrees on six candidates at their last meeting. A good number was present, among whom were several visitors. At the next regular meeting the third and fourth degrees will be conferred on a class of candidates and light refreshments will be served.

Russell Briggs cut his foot quite badly when working in the woods Thursday. Robert Churchill and family have been at his grandfather's, Daniel Churchill's.

Louise, daughter of George Devine, is quite ill.

Elroy Dean and Clarence Bidon were in Augusta on business last week.

At a meeting of sport followers in this village Wednesday evening, Feb. 16, the West Paris Athletic Association was formed and the following officers were elected:

Pres.—A. C. Perham.

Vice-Pres.—R. T. Flavin.

Sec.—R. M. Young.

Treas.—L. H. Emery.

Board of Directors—A. C. Perham,

G. L. Jackson, J. W. Wight.

This association is for the promotion of baseball and other athletic sports and will put the best teams available in the field.

The new exchange rate at the Telephone Company went into effect Sunday, Feb. 20, as voted at the annual meeting.

SKILLINGTON

The mill is closed down waiting for orders.

Mrs. Bert Damon of Portland visited her sister, Mrs. Grace Foley, over Sunday.

Mrs. J. P. Skillings had a card party Saturday night. All had a fine time.

Mrs. Mason is quite sick at this writing.

Mrs. Flanders visited Mrs. Gerald Smith, Saturday.

NORTHWEST BETHEL SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT

The school at Northwest Bethel gave an entertainment Friday evening, Feb. 18, with the following program:

Song, Washington Our Example, School Recitation, Washington's Birthday, Recitation, Mt. Vernon,

Annette Chapman, Selection, Whispering, Victrola

Dialogue, Like Washington, Three Girls Recitation, The Flag, Vivian Eagle

Song, Washington's Birthday, Frances Chapman

Selection, Tripoli, Victrola

Recitation, February 22nd, Three Boys Recitation, Truth and Grammar,

Selection, The Isle of Golden Dreams, Victrola

Recitation, Something Better, Virginia Brown

Bandanna Drill, School

Dialogue, Entertaining the Teacher, Three Boys and Three Girls

Song of the Hatchet, School

Dialogue, Washington or Lincoln, Two Boys

Selection, Old Fashioned Garden, Victrola

Can Drill, Five Cans

Farwell Greetings, School

Singing, America, By All

After the entertainment the young people played games and marched to the music of the Victrola which was loaned for the occasion by Miss Godwin, the teacher. The sum of eight dollars and sixty-eight cents was realized from the admission fee and sale of candy and pop corn balls. This is to be used for the benefit of the school.

Miss Clara Mason was the guest of Miss Katherine Brown, Saturday.

WASHINGTON

By George Wilson Jennings
Washington was eminently a public character. In fact, he had very little private life—but his home life was ideal. He will realize that it was simplicity that marked his entire life.

When Washington declined a military escort on the occasion of his inauguration (1789), he said, "I require no guard but the affections of the people."

A true son of nature, was George Washington—of nature in her brightest intelligence; as well as noblest mould. Standing on the lawn in front of his home with his wife, one day in early October, when nature was clothed in the gorgeous autumnal colorings, they were looking at the splendid scenery beyond the Potomac river, turning to Mrs. Washington, he remarked, "I were happy if we studied nature more in natural things; and acted according to nature, whose rules are few, plain, and most reasonable. Let us begin where she begins, go her pace, and close always where she ends, and we cannot miss of being good naturalists."

The difficulty, if such there be, in comprehending him, is only that of reviewing from a single standpoint the vast procession of those civil and military achievements which filled nearly half a century of his life, and in realizing the magnitude of those qualities which were requisite to their performance—it would be difficult to fashion in our minds a pedestal broad and wide enough to bear the towering figure, whose greatness can never be diminished. Whoever would understand the character of Washington, in all its compass and grandeur, must learn it from his own writings, and from a complete history of his country during the long period in which he was not only the foremost character, but the most prominent actor.

Long live the Republic of Washington! Respected by mankind, beloved by all its sons—long may it be the ideal of that Liberty which writes beneath the eagle's folded wings, "We will sell to no man, we will deny to no man, right and justice." Long live the United States of America! Filled with the free, magnanimous spirit, crowned by the wisdom, blessed by the moderation, hovered over by the guardian angel of Washington's example.—Fellows Providence that gave to America our Washington.

FARMERS' WEEK AT U. OF M.

The making up of a program for the annual observance of Farmers' Week at the College of Agriculture is nearly completed. The dates selected, March 28 to April 2, are later than usual, it being absolutely necessary that the occasion come within the week of the spring vacation, because of the crowded condition of the dormitories when college is in session. But the advantage of meeting in vacation is that the entire equipment of the campus, including the buildings, libraries, laboratories, exhibits, and classrooms, can be open for the exclusive use of the men and women of Maine who come to take advantage of this free short course.

The agricultural section of the program will be devoted to lectures, addresses, demonstrations and discussions relating to poultry, orcharding, gardening, the dairy herd, milk production, feeds, crops, fertilizers, bee-keeping, spraying, small fruits, purebred livestock, marketing, tractors and various other farm topics.

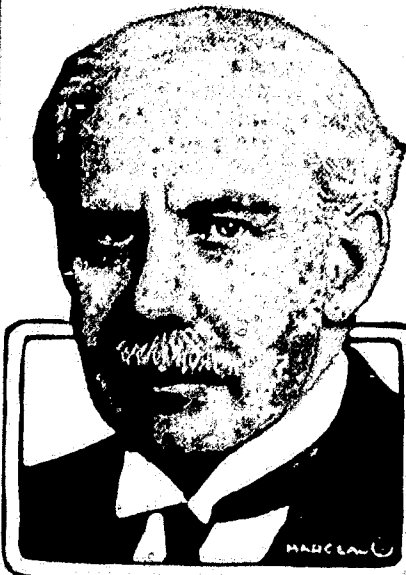
A tractor school will be a special feature. It will open Monday noon, March 28, and be continued until Saturday noon, in charge of Prof. Walter D. Emerson of the department of mechanical engineering, University of Maine. The course will consist of lectures and laboratory practice. Gas engines and tractors will be dismantled and put together, the mechanism and function of every part being fully explained. The lectures will relate to engine troubles, their causes and remedies; ignition, cooling systems, transmission, carburetor adjustments and general tractor operation. Representatives of several tractor companies will be in attendance and have their tractors for exhibition. A tractor conference is assigned for Tuesday evening, March 29.

Special programs will be held by the Maine Federation of Agricultural Associations, the Maine Seed Improvement Association, the Maine Holstein Breeders' Association, the Maine Livestock Association, the Maine State Pomological Society, the Maine Bookkeepers' and the Maine School Course Alumni Association.

For the women, there will be a three days' program, beginning Tuesday morning, Mar. 28, consisting of lectures and demonstrations relating to foods, dress, health and care of the home. A style show and a reception at the house where the seniors in home economics practice housekeeping will be features.

The printed programs of the week's attractions will be ready for distribution within ten days.

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Agents' Balances,	790,224.28
Interest and Rents,	116,054.78
Gross Assets,	\$9,304,376.38
Deduct Items not admitted,	361,545.18
Admitted Assets,	\$8,942,831.10

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1920

Net Unpaid Losses,	\$295,360.80
Unearned Premiums,	4,512,194.11
All other Liabilities,	388,958.85
Cash Capital,	3,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	1,927,117.34

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$9,033,431.10

A Noble Purpose

By MARTHA M. WILLIAMS

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"It's simply atrocious," Mrs. Gray began, frowning angrily. "The audacity of that girl! What business of hers is it, I'd like to know, how we raise money—when it's as plain as a pike-staff that we need it so badly?"

"We certainly do need it," Sister Nora retorted. "Look at that!" sticking out her foot in a ragged white silk stocking. "Five dollars a pair for anything decent to go with pumps. I'd like to hang these wicked profiteers!"

"Shut up, fool!" Mrs. Gray flung back coarsely. "The more money they make the easier it is to get our share of it. But don't you dare go shopping extravagantly till this Haywood girl blows over. I wonder who, if anybody, is behind her!"

"Suppose we investigate her—ask Peterkin about her? We can make out her sponsor; you know he brought her up from the station in his car."

"He wouldn't have done it but for the big rain," Mrs. Gray complained. Peterkin, otherwise Peter Linley, Esq., for all his guileless countenance, was lawyer enough to know a cross-examination when he met it square in his path, however skillfully it was disguised. The recognition made him suddenly alert.

He had not thought much about Rena Haywood, except that she was soft-spoken and decidedly easy to look at.

Rena sensed as much from the look in her eyes, the tone of her voice—and rejoiced silently that things were falling out so well. She was beginning a difficult enterprise—success in it meant more than mere money profit—though she did not affect to despise that side.

Her managing editor had said: "Go after the pair of goshawks in petticoats that are plundering small town folk in the name of sweet charity; if you get the goods on them, or even a promising lead, wire John Smith, care this office. 'Pork is rising'—and leave us to do the rest."

Since Peter had given her specially in charge Mrs. Bigby had talked to Rena as a familiar friend. Thus she had come to know all about the drive for devastated Mesopotamia that Mrs. Gray and sister Nora were conducting at a breathless rate.

Both talked well. Nora could cry beautifully when she begged for the poor hungry babies.

Swift and canny workers, the sisters banked all money, and almost instant drafts on it, payable to the home office in a distant city. Cash, they explained, was needed for the shipment away of supplies.

The drive industry was on its last legs. Even with new wars and devastations a staid public was not likely to give up. Wherefore it behooved Sister Nora either to get a rich husband or to find a man who would pay roundly to escape being that person.

Straight matrimony was of course preferable—rosy visions of it had danced before them until Rena Haywood appeared.

She had fetched in by way of introduction a fat check from the richest and stingiest man in town. It was open sesame to their financial methods. Rena listened, jotting things down in her notebook, with believing eyes and an infantile smile.

"They moved Mrs. Gray to any tentatively at their next encounter—after Peterkin had failed to give up any information." "My dear girl, we love your enthusiasm and disinterestedness—but you're such a baby you really must look out for you. It isn't enough to work for a noble purpose—workers must get a living same as the rest of the world. Now it happens you can help us magnificently. You see—we are pressed for time—this town has done fairly—still it is way below its quota. And we are dated up in a lot of other towns—now if we can only get the \$5,000 we lack—why we can go on, and possibly give you the same chances in the other places we offer you here."

"What chances?" Rena asked. Mrs. Gray almost whispered: "If you'll get a check for that amount from Peter Linley we'll give you a third—no waiting to bank it either—and we won't use his name—just announce it from the platform. 'An Unknown Friend'—"

"You would really do that?" Rena interrupted.

"Certainly! It's hardly more than the usual thing," Mrs. Gray answered eagerly. "We might make it half, if you bring in the check this afternoon."

Nora, looking at her sister over Rena's head, nodded, saying inaudibly, since both were expert lip readers, "Make it half outright," and smiling triumphantly. Rena was, after all, turning out a providence. Peter was sweet on her. Confronted with his own check for such a sum, as evidence of grounds for breach of promise, he would never risk going to extremities. And once he had settled he would be as good as an annuity. Here her meditations were rudely interrupted. Peter had come in. Rena was asking him plumply for the money, and explaining her profit if he gave it. At first he got white, then something in her eyes reassured him. He took her hands, saying anxiously: "No need for you to go snacking with anybody. Give me leave to do it and I'll draw checks to your order the rest of our natural lives."

"So you are resigning—throwing up noble purposes for a mere man," the managing editor said when he had heard the whole story. But the wedding presents to Rena from himself and the paper are likely to live long in office history.

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